

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Kazuo Hokkirigawa et al.      **Examiner:** Justin Mitchell Krause  
**Application** 10/789,163      **Confirmation** 8986  
**Filed:** February 26, 2004      **Group Art** 3682  
**For:** **UNDERWATER SLEEVE BEARING AND APPLICATION THEREOF**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action of March 3, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

- ☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.  
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	13	- 14	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 1	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

**TOTAL = \$0.00**

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$XXX in payment of the fee for additional claims is transmitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.20 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319.0166. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 3, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 3, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on June 3, 2006 (Saturday). Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.